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SUBJ: RED ESCAP: FUNDING FOR UN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY TEAM (UNDAT)

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1. PARA 3 REFTTEL REQUESTED EMBASSY VIEWS RE (A) ESCAP PLANS FOR
UNDAT IN 1977, (B) IMPACT OF DELAY UNTIL MARCH 1977 OF
POSSIBLE INTERIM USG FUNDING PARTICIPATION AND (C) VALUE OF
UNDAT OPERATIONS TO DATE.

2. ESCAP UNDAT PROJECT DOCUMENT RAS/75 SUBMITTED 11/27/75 TO
UNDP/NY AND UN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS PROJECTIONS POLICIES
(CDPPP). CONTAINS SCOPE OF WORK FOR FOUR REGIONAL ADVISORS
BASED IN SUVA, FIJI. SINCE ESCAP PLAN NOT FUNDED BY UNDP NO 1977
ACTION ANTICIPATED. PROVIDING BRIDGING FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE
PLAN CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. PLAN AVAILABLE THROUGH UNNY OFFICES
CITED ABOVE. CONTACT CDPPP DIRECTOR MOSAK OR ASST. DIRECTOR
S. G. VASSILIOU.

3. RE IMPACT OF DELAYED POSSIBLE USG FUNDING PARTICIPATION UNTIL
MARCH 1977, ESCAP SEES NO PROBLEM IN VIEW SERIOUS INTEREST EARLY
PARTICIPATION OTHER DONORS CITED REFTTEL.

4. ESCAP INFORMS THAT ALL PACIFIC ISLAND STATES RECEIVING
UNDAT SERVICES HAVE EXPRESSED OFFICIAL STRONG POSITIVE SATIS-
FACTION. ALL DESIRE CONTINUANCE ADVISORY SERVICES. PRIOR ANNUAL
EVALUATIONS COMPLETED ON UNDAT AVAILABLE THROUGH CDPPP/UNNY.
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5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES MAINTENANCE UNDAT OPERATIONS IN

US INTEREST VIEW MINIMAL ATTENTION BY INTERNATIONAL DONOR
COMMUNITY INCLUDING ESCAP TO PACIFIC ISLAND STATES. THEREFORE
WORTHWHILE FOR USG PARTICIPATE IN BRIDGING PERIOD PROVIDED
UNDP FUNDS ASSURED FOR 1978.
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